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IQKVMATE#IN PICK-UP SITE DETERMINATION

FOLLOWING SENT SAIGON JULY 23 INFO USDAO SAIGON USSAG NAKHON PHANOM  
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE

CAN THO 598

REF: CAN THO 0586

1. MR IV COMMANDER NGHI TOLD ME JULY 23 THAT HE IS STILL  
AT AN IMPASSE WITH PRG OVER PRG PICK-UP SITE LOCATIONS  
IN JMC REGIONS VI AND VII. HIS EXPLANATION OF HOW THINGS  
STAND ADDS TO THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN CAN THO 0586.

2. IN REGION VI, SAID NGHI, THE PRG FIRST PROPOSED A  
PICK-UP SITE IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 4  
NEAR THE BORDER OF SAM GIANG AND CAI LAY DISTRICTS. NGHI,  
OF COURSE, REJECTED THIS, AND OFFERED A PRESENTLY WATERLOGGED  
SITE IN NORTHEASTERN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE (SEE REFTEL).

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THERE THE MATTER RESTS.

3. IN REGION VII, NGHI SAID HE FIRST PROPOSED A SPOT IN HIEU LE DISTRICT OF KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, VERY CLOSE TO THE SEA AND ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE AN XUYEN BORDER. THE PRG, FOR ITS PART, PICKED A SITE IN OR NEAR A POPULATED AREA WITHIN THE U MINH FOREST JUST INSIDE KIEN GIANG PROVINCE FROM KIEN LONG DISTRICT IN CHUONG THIEN AND SOME 25 MILES SOUTHEAST OF NGHI'S CHOICE. NGHI REJECTED THIS BECAUSE ITS ACCEPTANCE MIGHT BE TAKEN TO IMPLY PRG CONTROL OVER THAT POPULATED AREA, WHERE THE GVN HAS SOME OUTPOSTS. NGHI PROPOSED INSTEAD A SITE ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS NNE, IN AN UNPOPULATED PART OF THE U MINH IN KIEN LONG DISTRICT OF CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE. THE PRG HAS NOT YET REACTED TO NGHI'S LATEST OFFERING.

4. COMMENT: MGEN NGHI APPARENTLY REMAINS DETERMINED TO DEPRIVE THE PRG OF ANY BUT THE SMALLEST PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE IT MIGHT HOPE TO WIN FROM A PICK-UP POINT LOCATION. HIS ABANDONMENT OF HIS ORIGINAL REGION VII POSTION, HOWEVER, IN FAVOR OF HIS CHUONG THIEN COUNTERPROPOSAL IS THE FIRST SUCH CHANGE BY EITHER SIDE IN MR IV AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE. SIGNED LEHMANN  
UNQUOTE MARTIN

NOTE BY OCT: (#) AS RECEIVED.

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